

**WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**  
**September 14, 2015**  
**NOT APPROVED**

**Committee Members Present:** C. Jessup, D. Fanton, P. Curran, K. Graves, D. Healy, LaForge, D. Root, C. Crandall (Absent: T. Hopkins, D. Pullen)

**Others Present:** M. Alger, L. Ballengee, H. Budinger, J. Budinger, L. Gridley, R. Hollis, K. Hooker, T. Miner, J. Nelson, B. Riehle, R. Scott, N. Ungermann

**Media Present:** No media present

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Ways & Means Committee Chairman Charles Jessup.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Root and carried to approve the Ways & Means Committee minutes of August 19, 2015.

A motion was made by Legislator Curran, seconded by Legislator Fanton and carried to approve the Ways & Means Committee minutes of August 24, 2015.

**Sales Tax Extension**

Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle stated this was the final step in a three-step process to continue the existing tax rate. The resolution reads as follows: Amending Resolution No. 118-67, as Amended to Increase the Rate of Allegany County Sales and Use Tax from Three to Four and a Half Percent for the Period Beginning December 1, 2015, and Ending November 30, 2017, and Thereafter Said Rate of Sales and Use Tax to Revert to Three Percent.

County Administrator Mitch Alger noted the County collected \$20,136,080 in sales tax revenue receipts in 2014. The additional one and one-half percent sales tax resulted in \$6.71 million revenue. Legislator Healy asked if the County Administrator and County Treasurer recommended this resolution. Mr. Alger stated yes and Deputy County Treasurer Jenna Nelson also stated yes. The resolution was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried.

**Approval of Audit**

Committee members reviewed the September 14, 2015, audit of claims in the amount of \$4,801,479 (including prepaid bills). A motion was made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried to forward the audit to the full Board for approval of payment.

**Good of the Order**

Legislator Jessup informed the committee that there will be a caucus at 1:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Scott, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board  
Allegany County Board of Legislators